

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 are currently pending. Claims 21-22 and 24-25 have been cancelled.

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 1-4 and 6-9 are allowed and claim 5 would be allowed if the objection based on antecedent basis is overcome.

Applicant also acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's time during the telephone interview of April 10, 2007. In this interview, Applicant's attorney and the Examiner discussed the objections related to claims 1 and 5 and the Examiner agreed to withdraw both objections.

Specifically, the Examiner agreed to withdraw the objection to claim 1 with no changes to the claim or the specification. With regard to claim 5, the Examiner asked that Applicant add a paragraph to the specification to provide antecedent basis for original claim 5. Applicant has added such a paragraph with this response. As noted by the Examiner, no new matter is being added as the new paragraph simply incorporates the language of claim 5 into the Detailed Description portion of the application.

In light of the foregoing, claims 1 and 5 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 21-22 and 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Sconzo (U.S. Patent No. 3,107,113).

While Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's rejection, claims 21-22 and 24-25 have been cancelled to expedite the issuance of a patent.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-9 are in a condition for allowance.

The undersigned is available for telephone consultation during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'TJ Otterlee', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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